## CURRENT TOPICS.

BY MRS. HATTIE GRINNELL.

Poor Gen. Lawton! He was every inch | sica, Beatrice and Portia were "excellent a man, strong, intelligent and brave to in fooling." temerity, but with too reckless a disregard of consequences. Had he been tempered with a dash of prudence and caution, to-day his country and family might not mourn him. He should indeed sleep his last sleep at Arlington.

That terrible affair at Frankfort involves many innocent people. There are some in this world who would rather say and beleive an evil thing of another than "to say their prayers or to believe

I notice Miss Ada Drury, of Breckridge county, who is a Jefferson couny teacher, was on the program at the Association last Saturday to read a paper on "A Plea for Friday Afternoon." Miss Ada is a very popular instructor.

I see the trumpet creeper is our State's floral emblem, selected by our State Botanist at Lexington, in 1893 at the World's Fair. He certainly selected it because of its luxuriant wild growth and not for its peculiar beauty. Wild, modest violets far excel, but are not fra-

The calendars for 1900 presented by various publishing houses show, in many cases, a great improvement over those of last year in literary as well as artistic qualities. The tendency of the times has made them assume quite an importance besides their original usefulness as mere recorders of dates. "The Richard Mansfield Calendar" and the "Kipling Kalendar" are said to be imposing works

An Australian editor of "David Horum" will soon appear and the story will be put into German. It is as popular in England (the English understand "hoss" talk) as in this country. What the charm in the book is, I cannot see, except its simplicity and that it is an American story of rural life. A taste for reading is the purest joy in existence, nothing being necessary on our part but willingness to approach a book in the proper spirit. Perhaps I lacked proper pproach to "David."

Goody'! Goody ! for Kate Sanborn in . Y. Review, of Saturday, Jan. 27th, who comes to the defense of women as humorists. A writer of the Raview had serted that there were no women humorists or if they were humorous, it was "sporadic flashes" and they lapse, he said, into "gravity or sentimentality." Right here let me say that Thackeray as a humorist, moralist and cynic. He ave us verses full of pathos, sad, tender thoughts-and again he would break out into a "side-splitting farce." But a wonan, well,-you know, the writer wasn't willing to admit she should stand side y side with man if she was taken from is side. But back to my subject. When I read the article declaring there here were no women humorists, I bean to think of the creator of "Samantha Allen" "Betsy Bobbett" &c. A woman, Miss Marietta Holley, of North Adams, N. Y, permeated those books with her wit and fun, equal to Mark Twain and Bill Nye. Miss Sanborn gives a long list of women humorists and we can quote from John Boyle O'Reilly who says, "Women have more humor than wit." Dr. Holmes also is authority for the same opinion and they are two excellent judges. So the opposite sex, and especially the writer in question, must acknowledge both the qualities in the gentler sex. Shakespeare gave his women characters a sense of bumor oftentimes and today it is not an extinct speces any more than when Rosalind, Jes-

#### Women as Well as me Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, disurages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor disappear when the kid

neys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent for a child to be bor afflicted with weak kid neys. If the child urin

ates too often, if the ne scalds the flesh or if, when the child thes an age when it should be able to reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant rouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most neonle suppose.

women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fiftyent and one dollar

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My dear Miss Tula, your "Carry The Message Abroad" hit me sore and reminded me that we must and should take the Gospel to the heathen. Even if not a member of a society, we can put in a "mite" to "carry the message abroad." Miss Tula wields a dear consecrated, facile pen and long ma, she ba spared to aid in "carrying the message abroad." I shall send my News to many bere that they may read the beautifu! the Holy creed." Caskoden was right. thoughts and ideas on missionary work.

The Washington Statue Association wishes to present to France a statue of Washington, commemorative of the gratitude of the women of American for the aid that country rendered this in its infancy. A concession from the municipality of Paris has been received as to a site for said statue which will be thoroughly American as it should be. The monument will be unveiled July 3rd, which is as historical as July 4th.

The keystone of Ruskins' life and work was in his love for the pure, the ideal, the unworldly, and his bitter hatred of whatever appeared sordid. Behind everything he must see its soul. His influence waned some when his pen was laid down, but it did not wholly disappear. But now that he is gone it will be revived again as surely as beauty and truth are immortal. It is hard to make an accurate estimate of the intellectual and moral dimensions of a man like Ruskin, His tribute to woman in 'Sesame and Lilies" is an inspired issue and there is nothing finer in all modern literature. It has had a wide sale in

I am delighted with "When Knighthood Was in Flower" in spite of its Nineteenth Century slang, its bad English and its lack of artistic finish, for it has power and strength. It is not a "finished poem nor an exquisitely delicate picture" but it interests one from the very beginning to the end. "Mary" is an impulsive, beautiful Princess, anxious to do right and does wrong from education and not from nature. Brandon gives her a rule for doing right and wrong we all might follow with profit: "Whatever makes others unhappy is wrong; whatever makes the world happier is good." As to how we are always to do this, he, you or I cannot tell. We have to learn that by trying, and if we fail altogether there is still virtue in even futile effort toward the right. I like the author's ideas of love and marriage. The book lays no claim to historical correctness. It is a romance-a real live, genuine romance in which I de-

Yes, thank you, "Mr. Dooley" has arrived and I have flaished him. Hits in the Irish dialect on the fads, whims and fancies of the present age, principally Chicago's up-to-date, comic side; graceful bandinages, scintillating flashes, pyrotechnic display of real Irish wit-than which none is brighter-'The Blue and Gray," "The Divided Skirt," "Cyrano de Bergerac," "Kipling," "Quick and the Dead," "Expansion" are some of the leading subjects. Read it.

We see around us more than one mod ern Ulysses making masterful efforts to escape troubled waters, but alas! they bave no ships to carry them off, and unlike Ulysses have no wax to fill their ears. Wax is a good thing and we often wish our ears could be filled like his, when in a Siren's domain. Ships are fine means of transportation too, and we would like to have one with masts, sails and rudder and a gust of wind to raft us out of dear old Kentucky until the waters become enchanted once more.

I am now absorbed in "Merrie England." Piease, Nancy Hanks, don't hold up your hands and say "I'll declare, I believe 'Mr. Woody'has converted her!" Now Guston, don't you come in and say, "How much do you believe of Soread "Fabian Essays" and I am still a anteed. Sold by Short & Haynes, Drug-"pluto"-is that the word? I am not gists. one bit unhappy because there are poor people in the world, for if I were, I'd have to "shuffle off the mortal coil double quick." Life has its trials, its pleasures,

The next thing on the tapis is, what land will first see the New Century? Whose orbs will first behold its advent? The people (so scientific research has proyen) of some islands in the Pacific ocean will be the first to welcome the new century as Tuesday Jan. 1st 1901to them, will be Monday to us about breakfast time. The actual date line varies from the theoretical one, though, in many places. Let us not get envious now and angry with the friendly islands for the preference shown them.

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able to cure me, and my condition was as bad as when I began their treatment. Many blood remedies were used, but without effect. Some one recommended S. S. S., and I began to improve as soon as I had taken a few bottles. Continuing the remedy, I was soon cured permanently, and have never had a sign of the disease to return." Swift's Specific—



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The Model's Hard Trial.

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Each Has the Power of Life or Death

The social system among the Moros is much more primitive than it is among the greater part of the other Philippine races. A chief, or dato, controls a district. He has his own particular followers and his slaves. Besides these he may command all the men of his own district in time of war. He also has the right of life and death over his subjects. For instance, a few weeks before we arrived in Jolo, Data Jokanine had occasion to execute one of his followers. The man had been intrusted with money belonging to the dato. The first time he came to his chief and said:

give me!"

Once more the retainer came, saying: "Oh, great and benevolent dato, again have I gambled away thy money, and

"This is the second time I have forgiven thee," said Jokanine, "but the third time, I warn thee, thou shalt die." Yet again the unfortunate man re-

lected for the dato. "Oh, dato," he cried, throwing himself at the feet of his chief, "I have sinned again and taken thy money! Mercy! Mercy!"

"Cut him down," said the dato to one of his men-at-arms. The man offered no resistance and was cut to pieces with one of the great knives of the natives .- Harper's Weekly.

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Over His Subjects.

"Oh, great and benevolent date, I have gambled away the money! For-

"Very well," said the dato. "See that it does not happen again."

again I beg thee, in thy great mercy, to forgive me!"

turned without the money he had col-

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